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McManus Selected to Serve on Appropriations Committee

(LANSING) – Senator-elect Michelle McManus was chosen today by Senate Majority Leader-elect Ken Sikkema to serve on the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the 2003-2005 legislative session.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me, and I am confident that this committee assignment will produce many positive results for the residents of the 35th District," McManus said. "I am also looking forward to working with my new Senate colleagues on a bi-partisan level to benefit all Michigan citizens."

As a member of the appropriations committee McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, will be responsible for appropriating state and federal funding for several programs and grants, as well as overseeing numerous state budgets.

"Senator-elect McManus is an outstanding leader for the northern lower peninsula," Sikkema, R-Wyoming, said. "Her experience as a former legislator and legislative aide, as well as her position in the present administration, makes her extremely qualified to represent the citizens of the 35th District."

McManus, a former legislative aide, previously served in the House of Representatives from 1993-1998, and has most recently served as director for Governor John Engler's northern Michigan office. She received her bachelor's degree in political science from Central Michigan University and is currently active in the Suttons Bay Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, Ducks Unlimited and several other civic organizations.